## **Proclaiming Safe Boating Week in Los Angeles County**

In 2020, the United States Coast Guard identified a 30% increase in boat ownership and activities. While it is encouraging to see more individuals and families heading outdoors to spend time on the water, this increased activity has also led to a twenty-five percent increase in accidents and fatalities. In 2020, California reported 493 boating accidents and 39 boating related deaths. It is important to attempt to reverse this current trend in boating safety, especially since Los Angeles County is home to numerous communities where boating occurs every day.

Given these numbers, it is more important than ever for Los Angeles County boaters to brush up on their boating skills and prepare for the boating season. Boaters will have an opportunity to improve their safety practices and learn about conducting vessel safety checks with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary during Safe Boating Week in Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors hereby recognize and proclaim May 21-27, 2022 as Safe Boating Week in Los Angeles County and encourage all residents who own a boat or plan on taking a boat ride to utilize the resources provided by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and take a boating safety course,

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check all equipment, wear a life jacket, watch the weather, and never boat under the influence.

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